Opening of TV centres in Bihar

2283 SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in Bihar where Government had opened television centres during the last three years;

(b) what are the names of places where Government propose to start television centres during 1987-88;

(c) what are the names of places where the television centres had been sanctioned but have not been opened so far;

(d) what are the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(e) by when Government propose to start work on such sanctioned television centres and by when the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) TV transmitters have been set up at the following places in Bihar during the last three years:

1. Bettiah
2. Bhagalpur
3. Darbhanga
4 Dhanbad
5 Gaya
6. Jamshedpur
7. Munger
8. Purnia
9. Ranchi

Besides, the low power (100 Watt) TV transmitter at Patna was replaced by a high power (10 Kilowatt) transmitter

(b) to (e) Establishment to TV studio centres at Patna and Ranchi and programme generation facilities at Daltonganj; two high power (10 Kilowatt) transmitters, one each at Daltonganj and Katihar and 11 low power (100 Watt) transmitters, one each at Begusarai, Forebesganj, Giridih, Gopalganj, Madhubani, Motihari, Saharsa, Sasaram, Singhbhum, Sitamarhi and Siwan, is included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan.

Implementation of the schemes mentioned above would depend on the annual allocation of resources, availability of suitable sites, and the time needed for supply of the required equipment by the indigenous manufacturers.

Opening of a TV centre at Begusarai in Bihar

2284. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for opening a T V. Centre at Begusarai area of Barauni in Bihar;

(b) if so, since when this proposal is pending,

(c) whether Government are aware that though Begusarai is surrounded by Patna, Mungair and Muzaffarpur TV Centres, but the residents of Begusarai are not in a position to get T.V. programmes being relayed from these T V. Centres;

(d) whether Government propose to provide this facility for the residents of this town, and

(e) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d) and (e) The VII Plan of Doordarshan provides, *inter-alia,* for the establishment of a large number of new TV transmitters, including a low power (100W) transmitter at Begusarai. These transmitters can be installed only in phases, depending on the annual allocation of Plan resources, time required by the indigenous manufacturers to supply the requisite equipment and overall priorities. Installation of the proposed new transmitter at Begusarai was also depend on thbe factors.